such as one to eight, and then stops for a second or so, just to enable the Member to put supplementary questions, if any, and then proceeds with the next group of questions, so that the whole thing is over in a very short time. Of course, we have no provision for supplementary questions here. I shall now take up the interpellations.

INTERPELLATIONS AND ANSWERS.

INTERPELLATION.

Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai.

I. 1. (i) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement of foreigners *i. e.*, persons other than born subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja, who are at present in Travancore Government Service drawing a salary of Rs. (50) fifty or above, showing :—

(*a*) their names and qualifications ;

(*b*) their nationality, whether Europeans, subjects of British India or of Native States ;

(*c*) the dates of their entertainment in the Travancore Public Service ;

(*d*) their pay and designation at the time of such entertainment ;

(*e*) their present official designation and pay including personal and other allowances ; and

(*f*) the reasons, if any, for the preference shown them over the claims of His Highness' born subjects ?

(ii) Are there posts in Travancore Public Service that are reserved for foreigners only ? If so, what are they ?

(iii) Are the Government aware that there is a strong public opinion in the country against the entertainment on a large scale of foreigners in the Public Service, on the ground of their having no vested interest in the State?

(iv) Will the Government be pleased to state now their policy in the matter of appointment in the Travancore Public Service of persons who are not born subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja ?

2. II. (i) Are the Government aware

(*a*) that, in the Southern Division, as in all other places, there is an abnormal rise in the prices of all commodities ;

(*b*) that paddy is the chief agricultural produce of the above locality, it being the only source of income to most of the cultivators ;

ANSWER.

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

Information has been called for and will be laid on the table when received.

There are no Civil appointments in the State Service specially reserved for foreigners, except those of Special Magistrates and the Special Appellate Judge to try and dispose of cases relating to offences committed by European British Subjects. These Special Magistrates and the Special Appellate Judge have to be under the existing law themselves European British Subjects.

Government are aware that there is some public feeling and have taken note of it.

The Member is referred to Articles 40 and 40 A of the Travancore Service Regulations, which regulate the policy of Government in this matter.

Secretary Mr. K. Narayanan Pandalay.

The answer is in the affirmative, so far as the prices of food grains and piece-goods are concerned. It is understood that the prices of several other commodities have also gone up.

The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. Government, however, are not in a position to say that paddy is the only source of income to most of the cultivators.

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